

August 16, 2026 Worship Outline

THIS WEEK AT BRECHIN

Minister: Rev. Katherine Brittain

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Welcome Table: Barb O'Neill

Welcome And Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

Reader: We come today into the presence of Jesus, the Son of David.

People of God: **Praise be to God!**

[Light the Christ Candle]

Reader: We come today into the presence of the one who sees the least of us, who works miracles here on earth.

People of God: **Praise be to God!**

Reader: We come today into the presence of the Christ--some of us with great need, desperate for help, and some of us with great faith, celebrating healing.

People of God: **Praise be to God!**

Affirming Statement:

As an Affirming Ministry we boldly declare that we fully welcome and include the full participation of all people in the life and work of Ministry as we journey together, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, age, marital status, mental or physical ability, beliefs, cultural backgrounds, or economic circumstance. We are dedicated to being good stewards of God's world, working and living towards justice and wholeness for all God's people.

Song: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" VU #326

(Words: Charles Wesley 1739, alt.

*Music: Carl Gotthelf Glaser ca. 1928, adapt. and harm. Lowell Mason 1839
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1. **O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace.**

2. **Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.**
3. **He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.**
4. **Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,
your tongues again employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour comes,
and leap, you lame, for joy!**
5. **My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of your name.**

Confession: Poem by George Herbert

Love (III) George Herbert 1593 –1633

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.

But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,

Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
If I lacked anything.

"A guest," I answered, "worthy to be here":
Love said, "You shall be he."

"I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
I cannot look on thee."

Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
"Who made the eyes but I?"

"Truth, Lord; but I have marred them; let my shame
Go where it doth deserve."

"And know you not," says Love, "who bore the blame?"
"My dear, then I will serve."

"You must sit down," says Love, "and taste my meat."
So I did sit and eat.

Song: "Kyrie Eleison" VU #946

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Kyrie eleison, kyrie, eleison, kyrie, eleison.

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. It sounds like welcome and feels like home. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table, so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. I have seen it alive in the world. And even when my heart aches, even when wars rage, even when mercy feels out of reach, I remember the one who welcomed the children and led with nonviolence. I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable and inspired those around him. I remember that the good news really is good news, for I have seen it alive in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen

Song: "Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New" MV #115

(Words & music: John L. Bell, 1995

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**Behold, behold,
I make all things new,
beginning with you
and starting from today.**

**Behold, behold,
I make all things new,
my promise is true
for I am Christ the way. (Repeat)**

Scripture Readings: OT (NIV) Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8
NT (NIV) Matthew 15: 21-28

Sermon: "A Tall Order"

Song: "For Everyone Born" TLUS #23

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**1. For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,**

**Refrain: and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!**

2. For all who share life, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for all who share life, a system that's fair, R
3. For those we neglect, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for those we neglect, the right to belong, R
4. For all who have breath, a place at the table,
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of race and gender and colour,
for all who have breath, the chalice of grace, R
5. For you and for me, a place at the table,
though wounded and sore, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for you and for me, a new way to live, R
6. For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship
for everyone born, the right to be free, R

Minute for Mission

Invitation to Offering/ Offering

Offering Prayer

Prayers of the People—including response after “God, hear our prayer,” “and in your mercy, answer.”

Life and Work of the Church—Announcements

Closing Words: Poem by Jan Richardson

Song: “Draw the Circle Wide” MV #145

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Refrain: Draw the circle wide.
Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song,
no one stands alone,
standing side by side,
Draw the circle wide.

**God the stillpoint of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms.** R

**Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call. R**

**Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door.** R

Closing Blessing